THE MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF TOURISM (SHRI SRIKANTA KUMAR JENA): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. The complaint has been received and Vigilance Division is taking necessary action in the matter.

(c) Since the matter is presently being looked into by Vigilance Division, it is pre-mature to refer the matter to CBI or to offer comments on the issues raised in the complaint.

क्षेत्रीय पर्यटन साहित्य का प्रकाशन

2311. **श्री गोविन्दराम मिरी :** क्या **पर्यटन मंत्री** यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि पर्यटन को प्रोत्साहित करने के उद्देश्य से विभिन्न भाषाओं में क्षेत्रीय पर्यटन साहित्य के प्रकाशन के लिए क्या केन्द्र सरकार वित्तीय सहायता उपलब्ध करवाएगी ?

संसदीय कार्य मंत्री तथा पर्यटन मंत्री (श्री श्रीकान्त जैना) : केन्द्रीय पर्यटन विभाग ने प्रचार सामग्री के उत्पादन के लिए राज्य सरकारों/संघ राज्य क्षेत्रों को वित्तीय सहायता प्रदान की है । इस योजना के तहत, राज्य सरकारें/संघ राज्य क्षेत्र, पर्यटन के संवर्धन के लिए किसी भी भाषा में क्षेत्रीय पर्यटन साहित्य के उत्पादन के लिए स्वतंत्र हैं । फिर भी, केन्द्रीय पर्यटन विभाग केवल हिन्दी और अंग्रेजी में इसकी प्रचार सामग्री का उत्पादन कर रहा है ।

Publicity to Navratras and Somnath Festivals of Gujarat

2312. SHRI AHMED PATEL: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that Navratras and Somnath festivals are very popular festivals of Gujarat which attract substantial number of domestic and foreign tourists in the State;

(b) if so, whether Government propose to give wide publicity to these festivals through the electronic and print media to attract the tourists in the State to participate and enjoy these festivals; and

(c) if so, the details thereof; and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF TOURISM (SHRI SRIKANTA KUMAR JENA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) Somnath and Navratras festivals are on the identified list of fairs and festivals of Department of Tourism. During the last two years Central financial assistance was extended for organising these festivals including publicity.

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Somnath festival	Rs. 2.50 lakhs	Rs. 0.50 lakhs
Navratras festival	Rs.0.70 lakhs	Rs. 4.00 lakhs

Irregularities in ITDC

2313. SHRI NAGENDRA NATH OJHA: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to newsitem which appeared in Hindi daily "Jansatta" dated the 10th March, 1997 under the caption "Indira Gandhi Airport Par Maago Flight Aur Palti Ka Chakkar";

(b) if so, the facts on the irregularities as in news report and report submitted to Director (Commercial), ITDC, on the 4th March, 1997 by the Vigilance Division;

(c) the reasons for inaction on reports of the Vigilance Department given from time to time in the past on several irregularities under the control of Director (Commercial) ITDC; and